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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

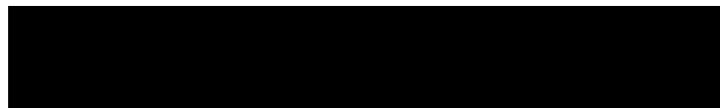
SUBJECT: Proposal to Utilize AACS Personnel

1. It is now apparent that Project AQUATONE will require the augmentation of the staff of operators and technicians at my principal radio stations to an extent not originally contemplated and in excess of the T/O of each station. I do not have sufficient qualified personnel for this purpose nor can I foresee a recruiting program that would promptly yield qualified personnel.

2. It is my understanding that the Strategic Air Force will procure and operate aircraft nearly identical to AQUATONE's. In this event the AACS will be required to furnish the same support to SAC that the Office of Communications will provide for AQUATONE. It would appear to the distinct advantage of the AACS (and USAF) if some of their technicians could acquire operational and technical experience with the ground station aspects of System #2 at my ground stations during AQUATONE. It is my belief that, with Air Staff approval, the Commanding General of the AACS would be pleased to make available up to 65 specially selected personnel for distribution among my radio stations. I do not foresee any serious security problems in this matter. Further, I believe this virtually the only method by which I can properly reinforce my base radio stations to adequately perform their AQUATONE support functions.

3. Since it appears to be to the mutual advantage of the Agency and the Air Force to place this plan into operation, your concurrence is solicited. Further, your assistance is required to obtain Air Force approval. I am confident that with these approvals I can arrange directly with General Hale for the early implementation of this course of action.

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H. M. McCLELLAND  
Director of Communications

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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